(ii) The Labour Laws (Exemption from Furnishing Returns and Maintaining Registers by Certain Establishments) Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 2005.	Two Hours
II. Consideration and passing of the Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2007, as passed by Lok Sabha.	Two Hours

III. Consideration and passing of the following Bills after they have been passed by the Lok Sabha:—

The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Bill, 2007, replacing the National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Ordinance, 2007 (No. 7 of 2007) promulgated by the President on the 15th September, 2007.	Two Hours
(ii) The Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Bill, 2007, replacing the Payment of Bonus (Amendment) Ordinance, 2007 (No. 8 of 2007) promulgated by the President on the 27th October, 2007.	Two Hours
The Payment and Settlement Systems Bill, 2006.	Three Hours

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO CENTRAL SUPERVISORY BOARD

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): Sir, I move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (f) of sub-section (2) of Section 7 read with clause (a) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 8 of the Pre-conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one female member from among the members of the House to be a member of the Central Supervisory Board."

The Question was put and the motion was adopted.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): With Your permission, Sir, I rise to announce that the Government Business during the week commencing today, the 19th of November, 2007 will consist of:—

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.
2. Consideration and passing of the Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2007 as passed by Lok Sabha.
3. Consideration and Passing of the Labour laws (Exemption From Furnishing Returns and Maintaining Registers by Certain Establishements) Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill, 2005.
4. Consideration and passing of the following Bills after they are passed by Lok Sabha:—
   (a) The Payment and Settlement Systems Bill, 2006;

(b) The National Capital Territory of Delhi Laws (Special Provisions) Bill, 2007; and

(c) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2007.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon'ble Members, the hon. Minister, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, wants to say something.....*(Interruptions)*... आप अपनी सीट पर बैठ जाइए ...(व्यवधान)...

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Devastation caused by recent cyclone in Bangladesh

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, with your permission, I would like to make a short statement. Of course, I have sent a notice. It is in connection with the devastating cyclone which has taken place in our neighbouring country Bangladesh. I requested the Leader of the Opposition also and he has readily agreed that I could make this statement.

Sir, I rise to inform the House about the recent cyclone and devastation which has been caused in neighbouring Bangladesh. As hon. Members would be aware, a severe cyclone hit Bangladesh, especially its coastal districts, on 15th November causing in its wake death and devastation. More than 2,300 persons are reported dead, as of now, and several thousands rendered homeless. An estimated 2.7 million people have also been affected; thousands of livestock are killed and standing crops and infrastructure are severely damaged.

Rashtrapatiji and the hon. Prime Minister have written to their counterparts in Bangladesh expressing our distress at this tragedy and conveying our deep condolences and our readiness to assist them in the relief efforts. Yesterday, I had spoken to Dr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdury, Foreign Adviser to the Caretaker Government of Bangladesh, and mentioned to him our readiness to send relief supplies to supplement the efforts of the Government of Bangladesh.

As Bangladesh struggles to come to terms with this devastation, in keeping with our close ties and our empathy with the friendly people of Bangladesh in this hour of need, the Government of India has decided to respond immediately with a comprehensive relief package. Our offer will consist of relief materials required urgently by those affected. This package will consist of medicines, food items, milk powder, tents and blankets, first-aid kits and other relief items.

The hon. Members will recollect that India has always responded readily to such requests from Bangladesh earlier, the most recent one being a few months ago when considerable devastation was caused by mudslides during the monsoons. We are already in the process of supplying essential food items to Bangladesh. We will continue to extend whatever assistance we can this time as well. Thank you, Sir.

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI (West Bengal): Sir, our heart goes out to the people of Bangladesh. ...*(Interruptions)*... But why their heart is quiet ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Leader of the Opposition. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Leader of the Opposition ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down ...*(Interruptions)*... Nothing will go on record. ...*(Interruptions)*... Nothing will go on record. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Trivedi, Please Sit down, ...*(Interruptions)*... Mr. Trivedi the Leader of the Opposition would like to speak on this.

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†Not recorded.